

**Amendments to the Specification**

Col. 1, before "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" and after the title, please insert a new paragraph as follows:

--This is one of two (2) reissue applications directed to various aspects of a blower described in U.S. Patent No. 6,368,081, which corresponds to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/603,973 filed June 26, 2000. The first filed reissue application is the present application, Application No. 10/807,229, filed March 23, 2004. The second reissue application is Application No. 11/131,769, filed May 18, 2005, which is a continuation of said Application No. 10/807,229, filed March 23, 2004 (and, as noted above, which is a reissue of U.S. Patent No. 6,368,081, which corresponds to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/603,973 filed June 26, 2000).--